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ABOUT THE COVER: Dr. Einar F. Grell of Deer Park holds the 13 lb. 2 oz. weakfish he caught on a pink Bagley Salty Dog on Gold Dorado 6-lb. test line in Great South Bay. The giant tide runner was 33¼" in length and had a 19" girth and was officially weighed in at Charlie's Fishing Station in West Babylon. The fish has been registered for a new IGFA World Record for weakfish on 6-pound test line, and if confirmed will break the old record by more than 2½ pounds. Who holds the old record? Why Doc Grell, of course, who tied the record just this year with a 10 lb. 8 oz. weakfish caught at the same secret spot.

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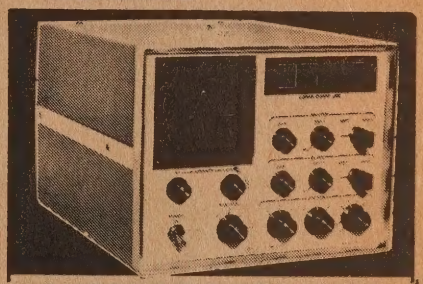

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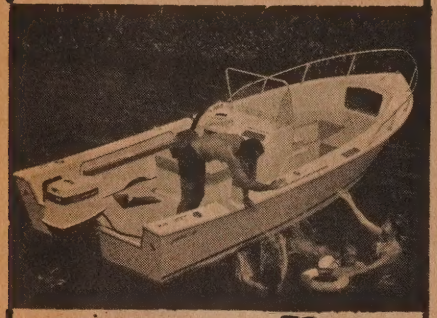

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FATHER FOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND ESTABLISHED

Father Fox, who was the Chaplain of Our Lady of the Skies Chapel at Kennedy Airport, passed away suddenly on November 6, 1973. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Long Island Swordfish Tournament, and a Director of the U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament. As an angler he was outstanding and his interest was always towards conservation. As a person, he was a fine human being, interested in the underprivileged and in the community he served so selflessly.

Friends of the late Father Fox have established a fitting memorial to his memory by establishing the Father Fox Memorial Scholarship Fund. Checks can be made out payable to the New York Ocean Science Laboratory, Father Fox Memorial, and sent to Arthur Klorfein, Room 4301, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10001.

BLUEFIN TUNA RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY IGFA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The following Resolutions were unanimously adopted by the International Game Fish Association Officers and Trustees at the regular Annual Meeting held March 4, 1974, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

I. **Emergency Action for Conservation of the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna**

WHEREAS scientific, sport fishing and commercial catch statistics indicate a serious decline through the late sixties and early seventies in the abundance of Atlantic bluefin tuna due to overfishing of bluefin tuna stocks in the North Atlantic; and

WHEREAS there is a clear need to immediately restrict catches of this valuable sport and commercial species in order to remove the threat of its economic extinction; and

WHEREAS the remaining stock of large bluefin tuna will begin their migration north to New England and Canadian Atlantic waters in the latter part of April of 1974;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Officers and Trustees of IGFA herewith urge that an immediate meeting be held by the proper U.S. government representatives with the appropriate representatives of the Canadian government in order to achieve a bilateral agreement that will unify conservation measures instituted throughout the North Atlantic feeding grounds of the bluefin tuna.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Officers and Trustees of IGFA urge that a substantial research program be implemented immediately by both U.S. and Canadian governments to make possible a thorough investigation into the status of the Atlantic bluefin stocks so that long range conservation measures can be formulated that will insure that future populations of the bluefin species will be maintained at viable levels.

II **The Angler's Responsibilities Regarding the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Situation**

WHEREAS sport fishermen and women must demonstrate their good faith regarding conservation of diminishing game fish species if they wish to have a voice in national and international fishery management decisions; and

WHEREAS marine anglers have the ability and resources to contribute to the scientific data so vitally needed as a basis for strengthened and rational fishery management regulations at national and international levels;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees and Officers of the International Game Fish Association herewith unanimously urge anglers throughout the Atlantic Ocean to substantially reduce the killing of bluefin tuna of all sizes in their sport fishing activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the IGFA Officers and Trustees strongly advocate that anglers tag and release Atlantic bluefin tuna hooked whenever possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that IGFA's Trustees and Officers are firmly opposed to the practice whereby anglers use the guise of sport fishing to catch bluefin tuna with the premeditated purpose of selling the fish for personal gain.

that the Board of Trustees and Officers of the International Game Fish Association, assembled at the regular Annual Meeting on March 4, 1974, at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, U.S.A., do herewith urge the various responsible departments of the United States government to expeditiously formulate a conservation program for the Atlantic bluefin tuna in their waters that will stringently curtail both commercial and sport fishing catches during the 1974 bluefin season.

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With the temperature soaring into the nineties, the young men and women in the group enjoyed their first sweet water fishing trip tremendously; for many it was the first time ever in the Catskill Mountains. The enthusiasm generated by our club members was equally matched by the tremendously cordial welcome extended to us by Avon Lodge's Mr. M. Neukrug and his cooperative staff. They did everything they could to make our day a tremendous success. We owe them a great deal for having made these hallowed waters available to us for the day.

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CLUB NEWS

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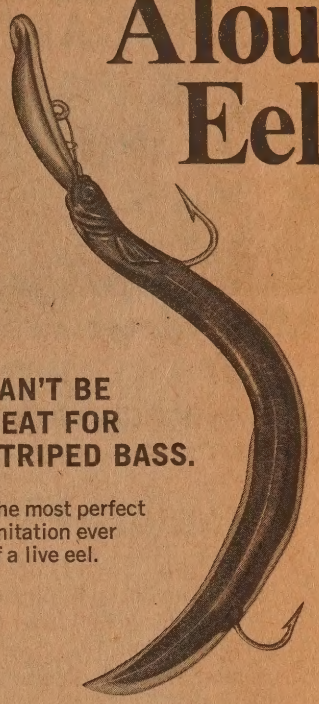

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-Tidal Trout-

by Bill Carll

These trout fell to the author's offerings on a tidal stream.

Long Island has many tidal streams which run cold and clear to the surrounding salt water areas. Many of these streams are spring fed and wind their way slowly to the sea. Beaver Dam, Connetquot River, Nissequogue River and Swan River are a few of these overlooked trout-producing waters.

Fishing for tidal trout is unlike the put-and-take type of lake fishing found on the Island. Let me get one thing straight right from the start: long hours of hard fishing will produce perhaps a handful of fish throughout the season. However, these are trophy fish in the three to four pound class. A number of seven to eight pound trout have been taken by local baymen in their gillnets. If you ever hooked a sea-run trout you know the thrill of this fighting fish. If not, you have a real treat in store.

The sea-run has an abundance of food to choose from: sand shrimp, alewifes, killies to name a few. The salt water and rich diet seem to give this silver-sided trout an extra charge of energy. But the secret to this type of fishing is locating these migratory fish. In the colder months of the year, they frequent bays, inlets, and other salt water areas around the Island.

When water temperatures start to rise (June-July) these fish seek out the cooler waters of their mother streams. This is when the fisherman has his chances: Bait is abundant at this time and the trout grow fat on the newly-hatched alewifes, shrimp, etc.

Once you find these fish, the proper equipment is necessary. Light to medium spinning tackle with four to eight pound test mono, the C. P. Swing spinner, Johnson Sprite spoon, and Rapala plug are very good producers, but get them in the smaller sizes. Trout, unlike fresh water bass or pickerel, have a fairly small mouth compared to their overall body size. When fishing small streams you are apt to spook trout with large lures.

Fishing with live bait can also be a very productive method for taking tidal trout. A killie, hooked under the dorsal fin, used with a float and the proper amount line to keep the bait off the bottom, is a killer on large trout. If you locate fish lying close to the bank, try a small grass shrimp on a light wire hook, #10—or #12. Let the shrimp drift down to the trout. When the fish takes the bait, set the hook firmly, but not too hard; small hooks are easily set.

Fly fishermen can score with streamers such as Muddler-minnows; shrimp flies also take many trout. Hard fishing, long hours, few fish, but great sport is what this type of fishing is all about.

200 MILE LIMIT:
Public Hearings on L.I.

On Friday, June 7, 1974, a public hearing regarding the Federal 200 Mile Limit will take place at Islip Town Hall. The hearing, to be held by the House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Commission, opens at 10 a.m. and is expected to run all day.

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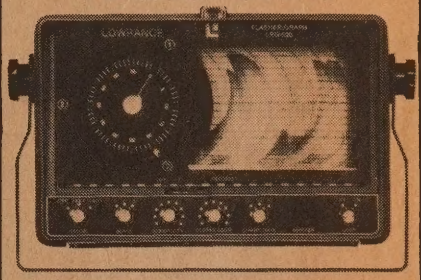

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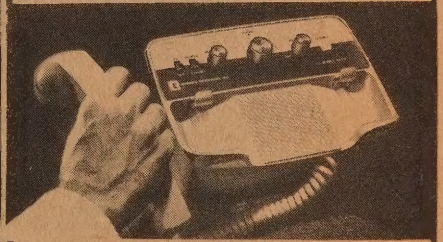

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Tough Time For Blacks

by Ron Onorato

"It's around here somewhere" I muttered out loud as I brought the small skiff about. Lloyd's Neck had just emerged through the early morning mist, and I was trying to locate some shore ranges. The object of my search was a small mussel bed that lies about a half mile north of the point. Last fall, this small piece of bottom was the scene of some tremendous blackfishing, and I was looking for some good action on this our first blackfish trip of the year.

Mike Wengryn and Roy Bennett, the other members of the crew, both offered their advice on the whereabouts of the mussel bed. Trying to locate a small piece of bottom with nothing but shore ranges can be a pretty tricky proposition. After several minutes of circling the general area, I decided that the hit-and-miss method would be the only way to get where we wanted to be.

There was scarcely any wind on this late May morning, and the tide was gently coming in, so there was no problem anchoring. Once the boat was settled, all hands got their fiddler crab-baited hooks over the side. No sooner had they reached bottom, when I felt the tell-tale bite of a black. I hesitated for a moment, then lifted the rod tip sharply. The fish made a quick dive for the bottom but never made it. In a few moments the fish was hauled over the side. It was a small, half-pound black, and I carefully tossed it back.

Mike Uhlengryn with a small black taken on light tackle.

The author hefts a brace of six-pounders.

Mike had just caught and released another small one when Roy's rod took a more pronounced bend. After a quick tussle, Roy lifted two small blacks over the side. It was obvious that we had lucked out and anchored right over the mussel bed, but Mike was a little disappointed over the size of the fish. We had caught about 15 fish, but nothing was larger than two pounds.

"The smaller fish always charge the bait first", I commented philosophically. "Give it a little time and the bigger fish will come around," Roy added. Ten minutes and four small fish later, Roy's rod bent over and line peeled from the small spinning reel. Because of the light tackle being used, the fish could not be horsed, but had to be worked to the boat. Eventually, a beautiful six-pound black was netted.

That first fish must have stirred up his larger brothers, for after that, big blacks hit the crabs with abandon. Once the crabs hit bottom, it was but a short wait before a big tautog would grab it. Not only were the fish large, they were plentiful.

Action was steady through the entire incoming tide and through most of the ebb. Unlike fishing for blacks over rocks and wrecks, we did not encounter a single bergall on the mussel bed; every hit was from a blackfish. Another good thing about fishing the bed was the fact that few rigs were lost to the bottom. When the hook or sinker got snagged, a large clump of mussels would pull free with the rig when pulled to the boat.

The steady action had exhausted our bait supply, and all too soon it was time to pack it in. A quick count showed 40 blacks in the boat, from four to nine pounds. This didn't include the many smaller fish released, or several roe-laden females tossed back.

As the end of May rolls around, Long Island's bottom bouncers look forward with anxious anticipation to the first blackfish trip. Each spring and early summer, and again in the fall, the blackfish makes its way to the rocks and mussel beds in Long Island Sound. Since much of the shoreline of the Sound is rocky, the ideal habitat for the black is plentiful.

Nature has created the blackfish so that he is best suited for living in and among rocks, wrecks, and other types of foul bottom. The reason for this is the fact that much of the black's diet consists of crabs, mussels, barnacles, and other crustacea. This food supply is best found in rocks and wrecks. The blackfish has an extremely powerful jaw with a set of teeth that enables it to crunch the hardest of crustacea. Its tough skin allows it to scoot in and out of the rocks without injuring itself.

In the Sound, the first few fish show up early in May. As the month progresses, the quality and quantity of fish increases. The fish will be abundant through most of June, but as the really hot weather sets in around July, the fish take off and return again in late September.

For a long while, many anglers believed the only way to catch blacks was with very heavy tackle. The black has a habit of running for the nearest hole or cluster of rocks when hooked: A hefty rod was used to keep the fish from doing this. Lately, however, I have found that unless the area is

extremely rocky, you can get away with reasonably light tackle.

A 6½-or 7-foot medium action spinning rod with matching reel of 12 or 15 pound line is usually adequate for blackfishing. An outfit such as this has enough guts to handle the largest of blackfish and should be able to keep them out of the rocks. If you prefer conventional tackle, a light-medium action boat rod around six feet long with 20 pound line should fill the bill. If you are plagued by cut or broken lines, switch to a heavier test.

If you fish a very rocky area you are bound to lose rigs to the bottom. Therefore, bring an ample amount of hooks and sinkers with you. When fishing the mussel beds that abound in the Sound, you will lose few rigs. As mentioned earlier, when fishing a mussel bed, you will have little problem with the bergall. However, when fishing a rocky area you may find these pests so thick that it is impossible to get a bait through them.

On the subject of bait, two baits grab the headline for blacks. Fiddler crabs and green crabs are, by far and away, the most popular and perhaps the most effective bait. Unfortunately, inflation has raised the cost of green crabs to the point where it is too expensive for the average fisherman.

Putting a crab on the hook isn't too difficult, but there is a proper way:

With a fiddler crab, break off the big claw and insert the hook through the stomach and up to the back so that the point of the hook just penetrates the top of the shell. In this fashion, it is very hard for a fish to steal the crab.

A green crab, because of its large size, is cut in half. Remove the legs and the shell. Insert the hook through one of the leg sockets and out another one. If bergalls are a problem, green crabs are the better bait.

The type of hook used for blackfishing is almost exclusively the Virginia type; The design of the hook makes for easy hooking of the rubbery-lipped black. Hook sizes will range from #4 for large fish to #8 for smaller ones. Two hooks are usually used, but if you are losing too many rigs to the rocks, one hook will cause you to snag less.

One aspect of blackfishing that is very important is the exact placing of your boat. For some reason, the black tends to congregate over a certain area of a mussel bed or reef, while an area just several yards away will produce little. Therefore when you go out, pay careful attention to shore ranges and other markers so you can home in on a good location.

The actual fishing technique itself is not difficult. The black will generally mouth the crab with his lips before swallowing it, so it is best to wait several moments before setting the hook. Many times a black will hook himself if given the chance. Just remember to keep the bait on the bottom, for rarely will a black leave the bottom to take a bait. A net is helpful in landing larger fish.

The Sound is dotted with many areas that can accomodate the blackfisherman. Port Washington, Bayville, Cold Spring Harbor, and Port Jefferson all have fine blafishing grounds and livery stations. If you prefer, there are many party boats that leave from Bronx and City Island.

However you fish for them, you will find blackfish a most challenging adversary that not only fights extremely well, but is also a very fine eating fish. You'll have to skin a black, but underneath that tough hide is some delicious, white meat.

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PORPOISES and FISHING

by Vlad Evanoff

We left the fishing docks at Oregon Inlet in North Carolina one fine spring day to do some trolling for the small bluefish which were then running. We started trolling right in the inlet and picked up a couple of the small choppers. Then we headed outside the inlet itself and trolled around the sand bars and off the beaches.

But everywhere we went, we ran into porpoises rolling and cavorting on top of the water. I never saw so many porpoises concentrated in such a small area before! These were the common bottle-nosed "dolphins" you often see along the Atlantic Coast, which most fishermen call "porpoises." They're not fish, but highly intelligent mammals.

We continued trolling but didn't get a single hit, and after a couple of hours the captain said, "Might as well go in. We won't get any fish until these damn porpoises leave!"

So we headed back to the docks and found out that most of the other boats were also back with no fish.

I've encountered other occasions where porpoises ruined the fishing. Many salt water anglers have had the same experience, and, when you see too many porpoises feeding or hanging around in your fishing spot, chances of catching fish are not too good.

Yet, I remember one day when I was fishing for striped bass in the surf from the rocky shore of Rhode Island. There were schools of porpoises swimming and rolling less than 150 feet from where I was standing. I made a cast about 75 feet from shore, next to a rock with white water around it, and hooked a bass of about 9 pounds. Another cast in the same spot produced a second striper of about the same weight. All this time the porpoises were still swimming in the deeper water a short distance away. Evidently the stripers felt they were perfectly safe in the shallow water where no porpoises would dare follow. Actually, the porpoises may even have helped the fishing by driving baitfish close to shore, and stripers followed the small fish.

There are records of porpoises helping ancient Greek fishermen as far back as two thousand years ago. When a school of mullet or other small fish was seen swimming not too far from shore, the fishermen would wait until porpoises appeared to drive the fish in closer. The fishermen would then haul their nets while the porpoises herded the fish and caught a few to eat. In some areas the porpoises became so tame and cooperative that they could be called when needed.

Porpoise do like fish, but not more than 20-25 pounds a day. Marine studies photo.

Modern commercial fishermen in the Pacific also find porpoises can help them in locating schools of tuna. They look for schools of porpoises, then head in that direction and set their purse seines around the animals. They usually wind up with a good catch of yellowfin tuna. In the past many porpoises were killed or injured after becoming entangled in the nets. In fact, this slaughter of porpoises was so bad that it was estimated that more than a quarter of a million of them were destroyed by the tuna fishing fleets in the Pacific each year.

The tuna fleet is now using improved nets and a system of "backing down" which lowers the cork floats to permit most of the porpoises to escape. Some porpoises still become entangled in the nets, or are drowned, or refuse to leave

This porpoise was deliberately netted to be taken to an aquarium. But porpoises also get entangled in commercial fishermen's nets by accident.

the nets, but the toll is much lower than in former years.

But in many areas all over the world, commercial fishermen still consider the porpoise their enemy and routinely kill them. They say that the porpoises do great damage to their nets and also compete for the same fish. In fact, commercial fishermen say that the porpoises ruin their fishing by eating so many fish: they claim that a porpoise can eat its own weight in fish every day. But this has been disproven by porpoises kept in aquariums such as Marine Studios, the Seaquarium and Ocean World in Florida. Here it was found that a fully grown porpoise rarely needs more than 20 or 25 pounds of fish a day to stay well fed and healthy.

Porpoises, since the earliest times, have also been caught commercially for food and oil. They were considered a royal dish in the days of Henry VIII. Then a porpoise was considered a fish and not meat, and could be eaten on holy days. Our olden whaling fleets used to catch porpoises occasionally to supplement their meager food supply. The Japanese, even today, try to drive a school of porpoises into a cove to kill them for food. Those who have eaten porpoise meat claim it is similar to beef and venison in taste if you remove the fishy and oily flavor.

Porpoises were also caught commercially in the early 1900's at Cape Hatteras, North Carolina when they were migrating along the beach. They were taken mostly for the fine oil found in their head and jaws, oil which was used to lubricate watches, clocks and other fine instruments. And the Indians in Nova Scotia used to hunt porpoises and boiled the blubber to obtain oil. But this died out many years ago.

As everyone who has read about porpoises or seen them perform knows, they are highly intelligent animals with a large, highly developed brain. They learn quickly, have curiosity, a sense of humour and friendliness which makes them very popular. They also have keen vision, swim fast, can leap 20 feet into the air, play games and even communicate with each other. Their built-in sonar system is fantastic, and they can locate fish and other porpoises or objects even in dark or muddy water. They are too smart to take the usual bait or lure. All in all, they are superior and lovable animals which should be protected.

Some governments already recognize this, and back in March, 1966, the Soviet Government banned the catching and killing of porpoises and dolphins. Florida has had laws for many years protecting porpoises, requiring special permits to capture them alive or keep them. A big step was taken when this country passed the Marine Mammal Protection Act in 1972 to protect whales, porpoises, seals and other sea mammals.

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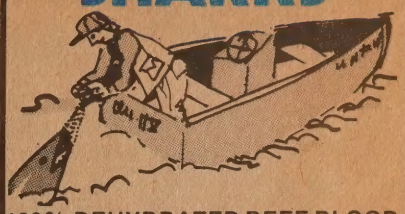

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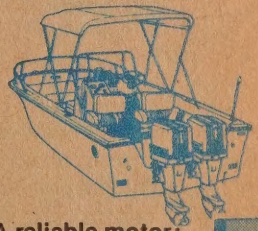

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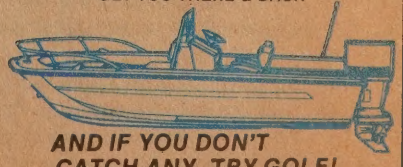


AND IF YOU DON'T CATCH ANY, TRY GOLF!

Shark Identification

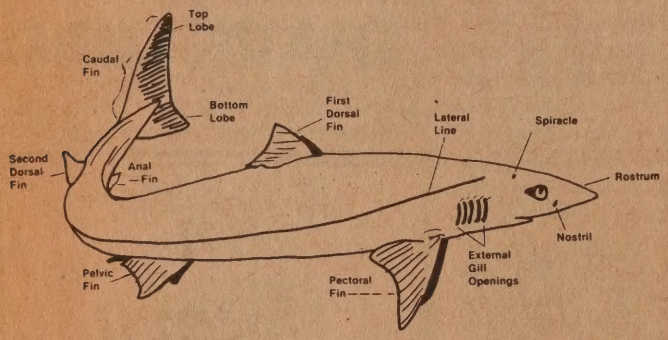
by Robert H. Schaefer

Don't be misled by the subtitle of this article; just because the IGFA hasn't classified these critters as game fish doesn't mean they aren't fun to catch. Professional shark fishermen speak of the brown, dusky, hammerhead, and even the lowly sand shark in glowing terms. Taken on appropriate tackle, they're all capable of giving you a good battle.

The dogfish shark kind of snuck in here through the back door. They are sharks, and they are common in Long Island waters, and so.... Surprisingly, the smooth dogfish is widely sought after as a table food, so, if you catch one, think twice before throwing him back.

Because these species are not recognized as game fish, precise records of size and weight are not available. In fact, I couldn't find any indication of typical weights for the dogfish. Hopefully, sport fishermen will generate enough interest in some of these more worthy species so that they, too, will be recognized by the IGFA.

Non-game fish does NOT mean that these sharks can be treated with impunity. Consider this: the hammerhead is a



proven man-killer. In deference to their sizes and dental equipment, the browns, duskies, and sand sharks should also be respected, although there is no documented evidence that they will make unprovoked attacks on man. The key word here is "unprovoked". Being stung by a hook and having a flying gaff slammed into his side should be enough to make the most docile of creatures lose its cool. After treating a shark in this manner, it becomes rather testy and will bite anyone.

Figure 1 is a drawing of the six sharks described in this article. Refer to it as you read the description, and compare locations of fins, gills, etc. Note also how the teeth vary from one species to the next.

Requiem Sharks —family *Carcharhinidae*

Family characteristics—Sharp, saw-toothed teeth; eyes with nictitating (winking) membranes; last gill opening above the base of the pectoral fins; first dorsal fin entirely in front of pelvics and much larger than second dorsal; second dorsal directly above anal fin; anal fin and second dorsal approximately the same size; upper lobe of the caudal fin notched and much larger than the lower lobe.

Members of this family include the tiger and blue sharks (described in Shark Identification, Part I, Game Fish Sharks, LIF Vol. 20, 1974), and the ground shark, brown shark, and dusky shark. The ground shark is rarely found in Long Island waters, so we'll skip him and describe the other two.

Dusky (or Shovelnose)—(*Eulamia obscura*)

The dusky's size can range to 14 feet, with weights approaching 700 pounds. His body is slender and tapered with a rounded nose. The first and second dorsals are connected by a low ridge running down its back. The first dorsal is large and starts directly over the aft end of the pectoral fins. The anal fin is slightly longer than the second dorsal fin.

The back of a dusky shark is usually colored a dark gray, and this becomes progressively lighter on the sides, blending into a white belly.

Brown (or sand bar shark) (*Eulamia milberti*)

The brown's first and second dorsal fins are also connected by a low ridge, as is the dusky's. However, the brown has a triangular nose, and the front of the first dorsal fin is located above the center of the pectoral fins. Size runs to 8 feet (which is exceptional), and his body is more stout than that of his cousin, the dusky. Wildlife encyclopedias report that the brown's maximum weight is a little over 200 pounds.

The brown's color can run from brown to gray on his back, with almost any intermediate shade found in specimens. His sides are lighter tones of whatever color the back is, lightening to a whitish shade on the belly.

In passing, it's interesting to note that, for a long time, ichthyologists thought that our Great South Bay was a primary breeding ground for the brown shark, but this theory is no longer widely held. As far as natural habitat goes, they are a shallow-water shark and wander along the coastline rather than roam across the wide ocean. They are frequent visitors in harbors, bays, and estuaries.

Family *Triakidae*

Smooth Dogfish (or Hound Shark) (*Mustelus canis*)

Dogfish grow to 5 feet. They have slender bodies with blunt noses. Both the first and second dorsal fins are spineless. The first dorsal fin begins over the center of the pectoral fin. The anal fin is smaller than, and further aft of, the second dorsal fin. Spiracles are located on the snout. The smooth dogfish is one of the few sharks that can be considered harmless to man, as evidenced by its flat teeth.

Meat fishermen take note: the flesh of the dogfish is considered tasty eating (all sharks found in our waters are edible) and is supposed to be high in protein and energy. In some parts of England the dogfish is used instead of cod in the famous dish of "fish and chips". If you decide to deliberately catch a dogfish, you would do better using one of the larger crustaceans for bait, as this is their natural food.

Family *Squalidae*

Spiny Dogfish (or skittle dog) (*Squalus acanthias*)

The spiny dogfish can be readily distinguished from the smooth dogfish by the presence of a single spine in front of each of the two dorsal fins AND by the absence of an anal fin. Sometimes the spines are so short that they may be overlooked, so be sure to take note of the anal fin.

Secondary identifying features include the first dorsal fin being located closer to the pectoral fins than to the pelvic fins. The second dorsal starts well behind the pelvic fins.

Family *Carchariidae*

Sand Shark (or sand tiger) (*Carcharias taurus*)

Sand sharks will grow to 9 feet and weigh up to 250

pounds. Most sand sharks are between 3 and 5 feet in length and weigh less than 100 pounds. The last of the 5 gill slits is ahead of the pectoral fins. The first dorsal fin is entirely aft of the pectoral fins. The upper lobe of the caudal fin is notched, and is twice as large as the lower lobe.

The sand shark is seen in varying shades of gray, with brownish (or sometimes yellowish) spots dotted over the body and fins. The size of the spots is irregular and they are more or less circular or slightly oval.

The teeth are long, relative to the width of the base, and are smooth. A distinctive feature is that each tooth has three well-formed points (technically, tricuspidate), as shown in the drawing.

Family *Sphyrnidae*

Common Hammerhead (*Sphyrna zygaena*)

The most obvious and compelling characteristic of this shark is its hammer-like head. According to legend, the grotesque disfigurement is a result of the Greek god, Triton, sounding a blast on his conch shell trumpet. In any event, the rest of his body is typical of many other sharks. His first dorsal fin starts directly above the trailing edge of the pectoral fins. All five gill slits are ahead of the pectorals. The nostrils are long slits, located on the front edge of the hammer. The second dorsal is directly above a similarly-sized anal fin. The upper lobe of the caudal fin is notched, and is about twice the size as the lower lobe. When swimming on the surface, the tips of both the dorsal and caudal fin can be seen.

The common hammerhead has been known to reach lengths of 10 to 11 feet, with some reported as long as 13 feet. His color is typically lead gray, although hammerheads are also described as having brownish or greenish backs.

The great hammerhead, *Sphyrna tudes*, inhabits tropical waters and has not been reliably reported above North Carolina. This, the largest of the five hammerhead species, can measure out at 16 feet and over 1000 pounds, buy you'll have to go to Florida for that kind of catch.

Part I and II of Shark Identification described the twelve species of sharks that are most commonly found in Long Island waters. If you hook into a species that defies identification, I suggest you refer to "The Complete Field Guide to American Wildlife". This book contains the most comprehensive treatment of sharks that I've come across.

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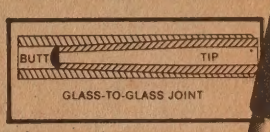

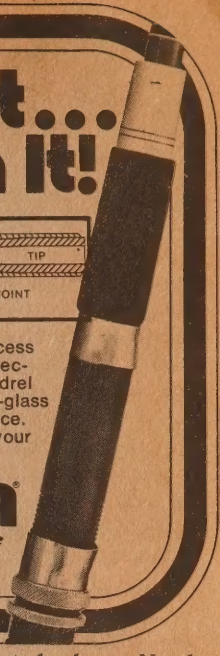

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A Hank Of Hair And A Piece Of Cork...

by Capt. Zachary Grossman

Take a hank of hair a piece of cork, some thread, paint, mylar, and a hook and what have you got? A temptress capable of exciting gamefish past the point of caution. The sweetheart is called a popper, and in this case a fly rod popper. This lure is terrific fun to fish with as you watch it react to your manipulations. And you get the thrill of seeing the fish hit. They almost always pounce upon it in a shower of spray that indicates their determination to keep this lure from getting away.

There are many styles of good flyrod poppers on the market today, but the homemade variety has certain advantages. One of these advantages is that you can create patterns to suit your particular fishing needs, whereas the storebought patterns are very basic and general. The majority of all fly fishermen tie their own flies because it is cheaper, lots of fun, you can be assured of good supply and, most of all, it is satisfying to catch fish on your own creations. There is no reason why you should not make your own flyrod poppers as well when it is so easy. You can apply that all-important ingredient, TLC (Tender Loving Care) that seems to be missing from the products that are sold across the counter today. The following is a step-by-step description of how I make mine.

Materials:

1. Hooks—I use Mustad Salmon hooks #9082A hollow-point, long shank with a right angle kink in them.

2. Cork bodies—These are commonly sold under the names "perch floats" and "surf leader floats". They are football-shaped with a string running through the center. Pick out those with the smoothest sides as these will come out better.

3. Mylar piping and bucktail—These are available at any tackle shop carrying a good selection of fly tying materials.

4. Cork sealer, paints, clear finishes, Duco cement, pipe cleaners, and sprinkle-on sparkle are available at the hobby shop.

Tools:

An electric drill with a 3/8" chuck, a 1/8" drill bit, flat tooth picks, razor blades (single edge), a straight pin, a serrated-edge knife (steak knife) and the fly tying essentials.

Technique:

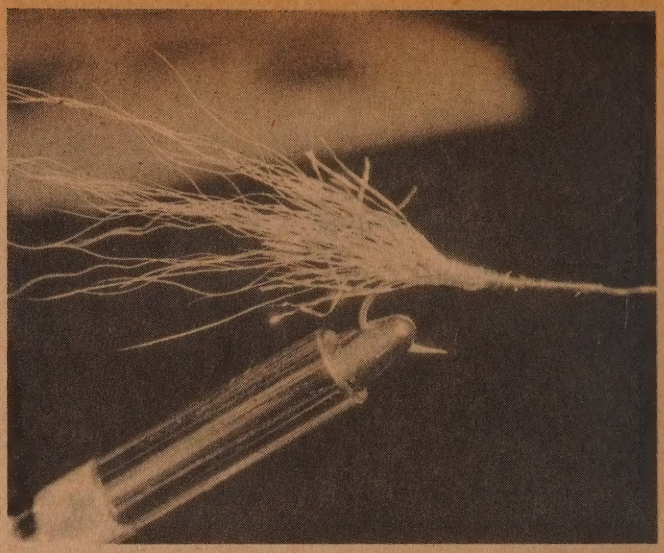
1. Tie on some bucktail, attaching it a little forward of a spot even with the point of the hook. Then cut off the thread.

2. Cut a piece of mylar piping about 2" long and slide it over the shank from the front until it can be attached at the same point as the bucktail. Tie it down and wind the thread toward the front of the hook, then cut it off.

3. Use the straight pin to unbraid the piping, starting at the back and working forward to a point even with the barb of the hook.

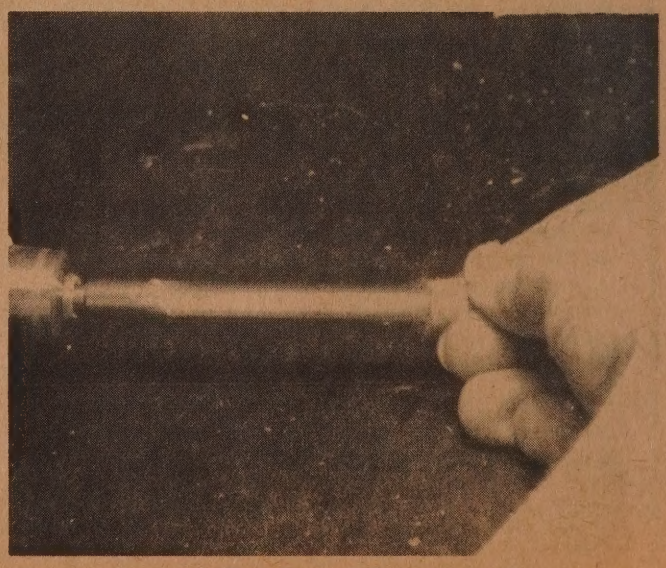
4. Use the razor blade to cut the cork in half on an angle. This will give you 2 poppers out of each cork. The angle will make the popper work better.

5. Place the drill on a steady surface and run it in high speed. Feed the cork onto the revolving drill bit at a slow but steady pace until a hollow of about ¼" is formed. The drill bit must be revolving at high speed to avoid tearing the cork which occurs when the bit is given a chance to dig into a crater or crevice in the cork. Use the 1/8" bit to widen the



Separated mylar piping tied over sparse bucktail.

The cork is cut at an angle.



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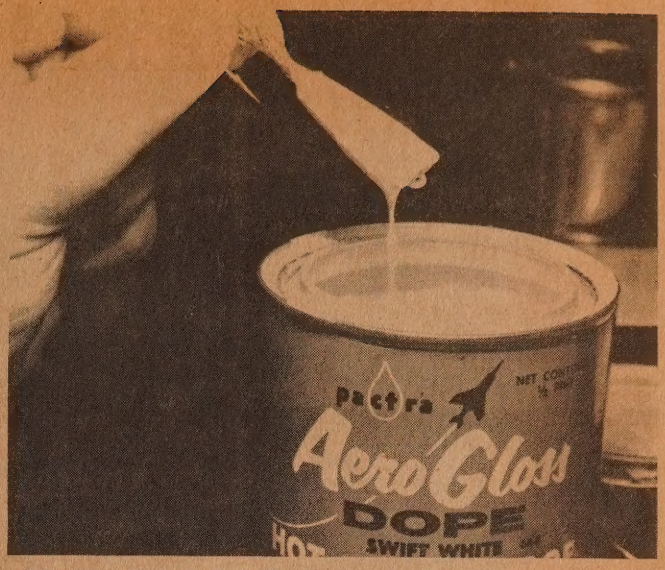
Careful drilling results in the hollow popping face.



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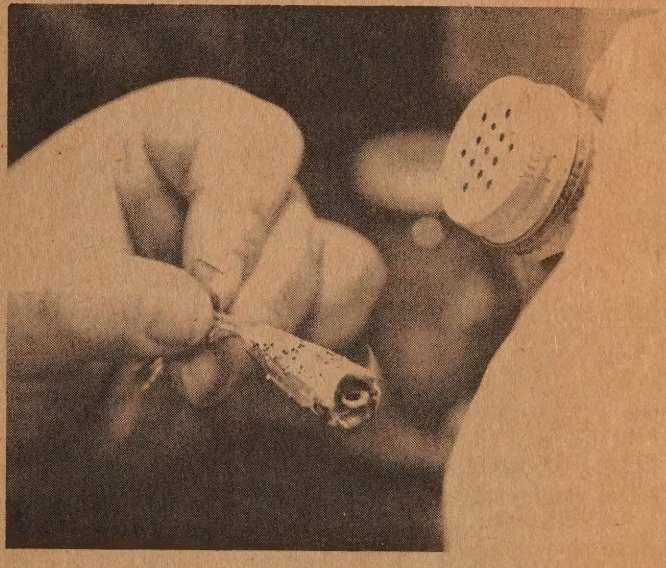
Cut with serrated knife.



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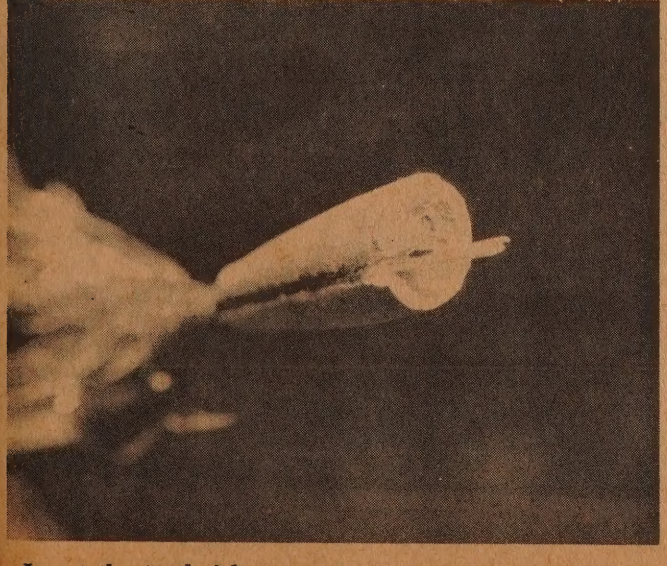

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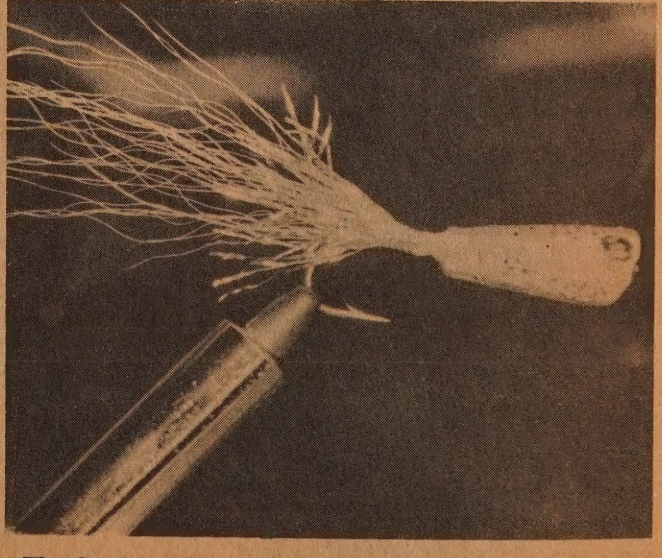

The finished popper.

hole at the back of the cork for a depth of about 3/8" to allow for the thickness of the bucktail.

6. Use the serrated-edge knife to make a lengthwise slice into the cork that is a little more than halfway through. This slice should be angled to run from the center of the tail end to a point 1/3 from the bottom on the face of the cork.

7. Coat the hook shank and the thread windings with Duco cement, then slide the hook into the popper body. From the front of the popper insert 1/2 of a flat tooth pick, wide end first, so that it wedges between the cork and the hook shank in the area of the right angle kink. When this dries in place it will reinforce the bond and prevent the popper body from twisting around on the hook shank. Push the tooth pick in past the point of visibility. Seal up the lengthwise slice in the body with the cement, using your fingers or a toothpick to smooth it out. Seal the hole in the face behind the eye of the hook. (The eye should have been forced closed if purchased with an open soft ring as mine are).

8. After drying, grasp the popper by the hook and dip the whole body into the can of cork sealer. Shake off the excess and allow to dry as per the instructions on the can.

9. Dip the lure into a can of paint (I use airplane dope) containing the lightest color used in your pattern. The belly will usually be white or yellow. Allow to dry and repeat again. Allow to dry.

10. Use the pipe cleaners as brushes to paint on the rest of the pattern. They are cheap, easy to use and disposable. Apply 2 coats, allowing sufficient drying time between coats.

11. Apply 2 coats of clear finish that is compatible with the paint you have used, and after drying dip the popper into a can of clear epoxy or varathane to give a very hard and lustrous coating to the lure. Between coats you can sprinkle on glitter or add mylar strips for flash.

Patterns:

1. Spearing, silversides, sandeel, smelt—These all have the same basic look; green on top, white belly, and a silver flash along the side. I paint the back with dark green shading toward lighter green down the side. The bottom third is white. I use white bucktail and silver mylar piping. Along the sides between coats of clear I add mylar strips. I make a black and silver eye using different size wooden dowels, and the face is painted red.

2. Mackerel—I use these when the tiny tinkers appear a month or so after the spawning run. They are dark blue on top, shading to light blue on the sides and a white belly. Then I add the striping with light irridescent green and silver. The eyes and mouth are like the spearing pattern.

3. Mossbunker—I have two patterns; one basically blue-silver and one that is yellow-green. The first resembles the vast schools of tiny bunkers that often appear. This pattern is light blue on the top and sides, white belly, silver mylar on the side, and random dark blue dots. The other pattern is yellowish green on the back and sides, a yellow belly, yellow bucktail and gold mylar piping. I sprinkle gold flecks all over between coats.

4. Black—This is my favorite for overcast days and nighttime. It is painted black with black bucktail, yellow eyes and a yellow face.

5. Other patterns that ork well are white, with or without the front ⅓ painted red, covered with silver sprinkles, yellow with gold sprinkles, and the various "hot" colors.

Now that you know how to make these potent little poppers you'd better start because the season is drawing near. In the future I will write about the technique of getting a fish to hit your creation. Remember, from a hank of hair and a piece of cork, a temptress is born.

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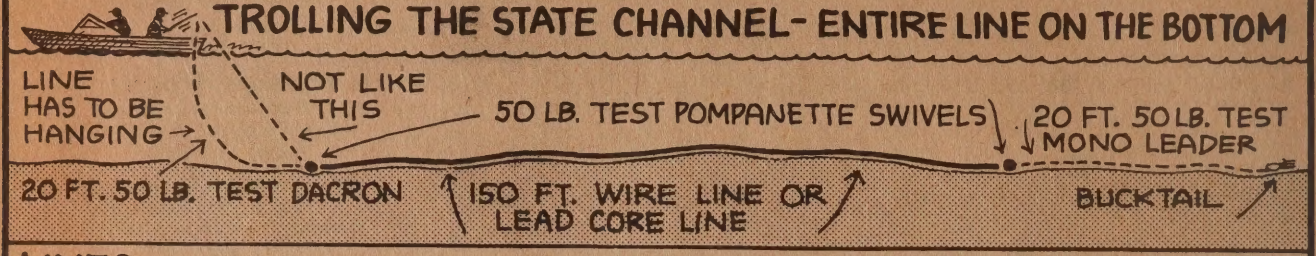
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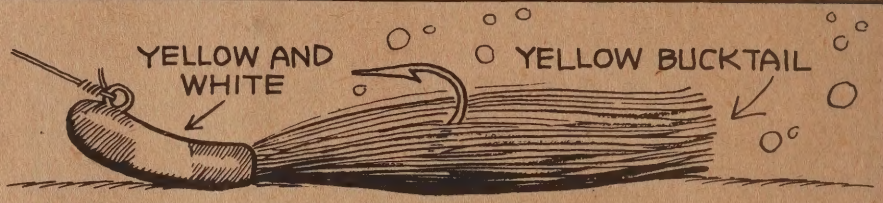

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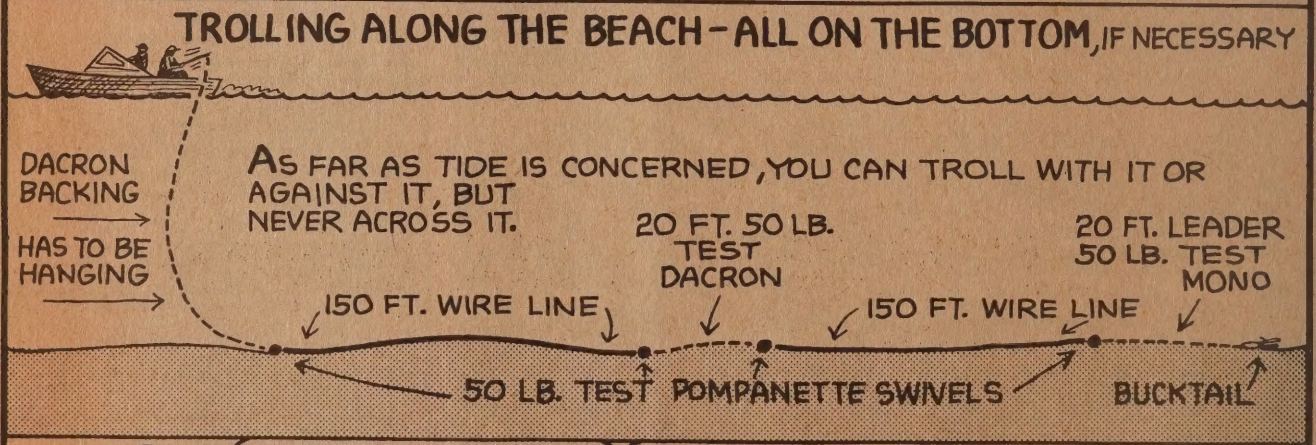
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SOUTH SHORE Fishing Report

A good catch of pollack up to 34 lbs. taken aboard the Viking Skipper in the Block Island area on May 19th.

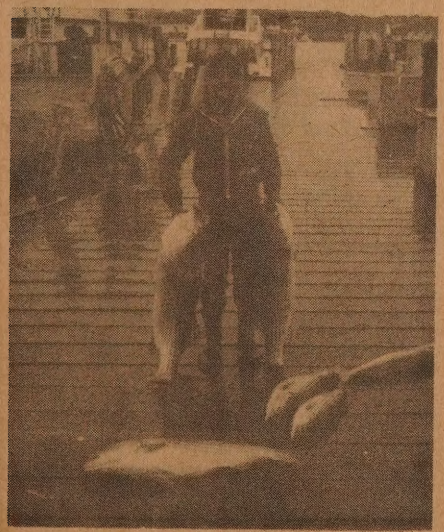
MONTAUK

Capt. George Glas of the **Hel-Cat Fleet** has been loading up on five to nine pound pollack that is mixed in with plenty of cod. The pollack are so thick they show up on the depth recorder about 20 feet thick. The codfish are weighing in from five to 40 pounds. The catches run about 50/50 cod and pollack.

Capt. Dick Vigilant of the charterboat **Triton II** reports the striped bass are in solid. He has been trolling anywhere from three dozen fish and upwards on every trip. The fish range in weight from schoolies to 4 pounds. This action is all around the point on trolled rigs and diamond jigs. Sunday's poor weather was not conducive to long trips so they fished for fluke. About one in four were throwbacks. The pool fluke weighed six pounds. These fish were picked up at the North Rip and the midway buoy.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper** fishing Block Island said he is picking up both cod and pollack. The cod catch consists mostly of the spring run cod with some of the larger summer cod showing occasionally. There is also plenty of pollack there.

Capt. John Sekora of the **Easy Rider** has been doing good on a lot of bass that has come in. There are quite a few big bass and they are biting on both tides. Trolled umbrella rigs using Sekara's own tubes have gotten about 40 fish per tide. The fish run up to 40 pounds. A few bluefish are also caught occasionally. Capt. Sekora says the bass are full of sand eels which are extremely numerous.



Mike Vigilant and his father took these stripers one evening aboard their charter boat "Triton II" out of Montauk. Capt. Dick V. said it looks like a banner year for bass at Montauk.

Tuma's Tackle Shop reports excellent catches of striped bass out by the Point and in the rips.

Catches of a few bluefish have been made but the main catch is bass. Plenty of fluke are being caught at Shagwong in good quantities. Flounder can be caught at the jetties and off the town dock.

Mickey Chiarenza called to tell about his friend Bill Rorech who had 17 striped bass from school size to 37 pounds. He caught these on Sunday in the offshore rips using Mickey's 5 oz. red Tri-Fin lure. Bill said the fishing was like a fall blitz and the fish are full of sand eels.

Gone Fishing Marina reports excellent bass fishing in the rips off the point. John & Eric Ambrosio with Howie Harris trailered their boat from Northport and in a half day's fishing had 11 bass up to 22 pounds and two eight pound blues. Fluke fishing has been very good at the North Rip and run up to six pounds.

Jack at **Lake Montauk Marina** said there is all kinds of fishing action. Fluke to six pounds are at Shagwong and the rips off the point. Striped bass were trolled in the rips off the point. Bass run from schoolies to 30 pounds. Bluefish are starting to show in sizes to eight pounds. Cod and pollack are being caught off Block Island.

PROMISED LAND

Art Brand at the **Promised Land Fishing Station** said they have caught flounder up to three pounds at Eastern Plain Point. A few fluke as showing at Cartwright Island. The fluke are two to four pounds and are best at high tide. The bay is loaded with sand eels. A few striped bass and weakfish were also being caught.

SAG HARBOR

The **Noyac Marina** reports the weakfishing is still holding its own. Barbara Smith says there were still some good sized weaks weighed in. Porgies are there for those who go after them and are of a decent size. Some fluke have been caught, a five and a six pounder were weighed in over the weekend. Bluefish are being picked up spotty.

HAMPTON BAYS

Bradley's Fishing Station has had some nice fluke fishing right out in front of the station and by the inlet. Sand eels, spearing and squid are all

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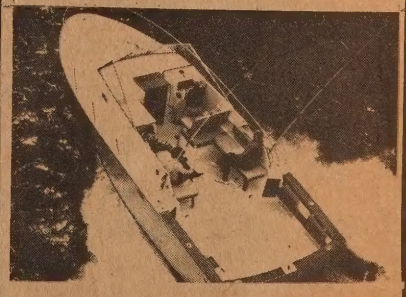

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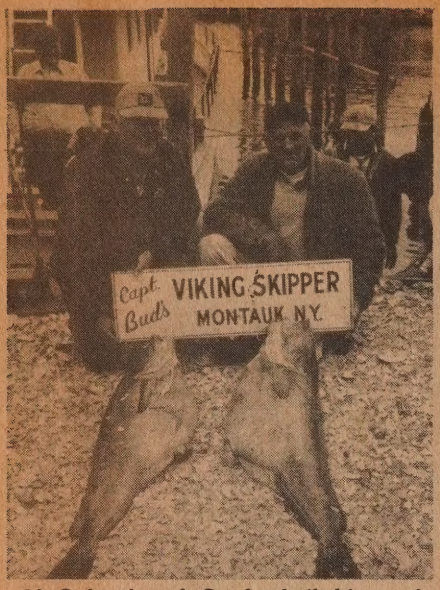


Al Scimela of Seaford (left), and Mike Cahajlaa of N.J. caught these two giant white hake in the Block Island area aboard the Viking Skipper.

good baits. Any tide seems to catch fish as long as it is moving. Fish range in size from barely keepers to four and five pounds.

SHINNECOCK

Capt. Clark Bellows, Sr. said it has slowed somewhat from the fast pace of previous weeks. The weaks and porgies are being caught but in smaller quantities. Bert Lester of N.Y.C. won a pool with a seven pound nine ounce weakfish. Porgy fishing is hit and miss. A few bluefish were caught and this is a good sign. A few blackfish have also been caught.

MORICHES BAY

Subscriber Tony Grimando and Ronnie Pandafina of Farmingdale hooked into a large bluefish while fishing for fluke in the "Old Cut." The big blue was lost at the boat when he bit through the hook. Tony said the fluke fishing was great on his homemade jig lures.

Patricia Cole of the **Moriches Bait & Tackle** says her husband went out to the Smith Point Bridge and caught striped bass and weakfish three days in a row. Flounder fishing is dropping off but look for them on the flats. Fluke are being caught along the edges of the channels.

Barry at **Seatuck Cove** said fluke up to six pounds were being caught at the New Cut. Sand eels are the predominant bait as well as spearing and squid.

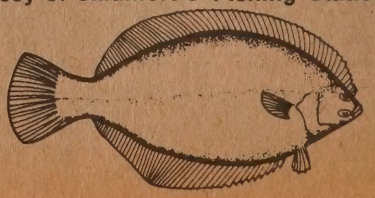
Al at **Hi-Way Fishing Station** said there was very good fluke action trolling from buoy 39 to 36 and out to the Elbow. Fluke spinning rigs with sand eel or spearing on the hook along with a piece of squid. Flounder catches have been good at buoy 29 and 32.

Silly Lilly Fishing Station tells of good flounder action on worms and dyed clam, E. of buoy 39. Fluke running to 3 lbs. On Wednesday, one angler took 29 in the rain. Best areas are from the elbow to Buoy 39. Squid spearing and squid sand eel combos are best.

Loads of Coxes Ledge codfish caught on May 25th line the rails of the Peconic Queen II at Montauk.

The **Moriches Bay Fishing Station Assn.** is having their fluke contest from 6-1-74 thru 9-2-74. $100.- & $50.- bonds will be awarded. The $1.- donation will go to Camp Paquatuck, a camp for disturbed children. All entrants will receive a special badge.

Gary Aptaker, Staten Island, and Barbara and Jerry Green, Brooklyn, caught these 95 flounder in Seatuck Cove off Havens Point. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station.



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Ed Henderson, Eastport, Charlie Valillo, Patchogue, and Bob Henderson, Hauppauge, caught 12 fluke 5-6-lbs. in the Old Cut of Moriches Bay. Photo courtesy of Seatuck Cove Marina.

MASTIC BEACH

Keenan's Fishing Station reports a lot of fluke around buoy 24 and 26. A few weaks and blues around buoy 17. The weaks are being caught before noon. The fluke are caught on shiners.

WEST SAYVILLE

Sandy Powell at the **Oakdale Marina** said a Mr. Rowl of the boat Gunsmoke picked up seven bluefish of ten to 12 pounds outside of the Fire Island Inlet.

Jan Young of **Young's Fishing Station** reports a group called Olsen's Vikings from Stamford, Connecticut, was not squelched by the wind and rain this weekend. They were rewarded by a fine catch of weakfish about five pounds. They fished west of Brown's River. Eli Lockaw of Yonkers gave his flyrod a good workout on the weaks and also caught a three-foot sand shark on his rod. Some fluke were picked up at the Heckscher by other boats from Young's.

A member of the Koster family called to say they caught 15 weakfish up to 8 lbs. east of buoy 4 off Heckscher on Salty Dogs last Sunday. The majority of fish were caught before 8:30 a.m. before the boats all came out.

Dennis Masterson at **South Bay Fishing Station** reports very good fishing in his area. During the week, a Mr. Bloom from Queens took 25 weaks up to 7 lbs., half on bait and half on artificials. Also, some 1-1½ lb. blues. Fluke is improving, with king and blows spotty. Buoys 28/30 off Sayville are hot.

CAPTREE

Capt. Hubert of the **Speedy V** said the daytime weakfishing has fallen off. The night trips though, have been fantastic. Over the weekend they went fluke fishing during the day. The fluke

Little Jeff Boxman of Babylon, age 4, took this 2 lb. fluke off the Babylon Town Dock while fishing with his father. Photo courtesy of Augie's Bait & Tackle.

are plentiful and are mostly keepers of two and three pounds. The average has been about ten fish per man.

Capt. Roman of the **Captree Queen** reports the fluking has been fantastic, while the weakfish have been spotty during the day. When the weakfish are hitting in the daytime it is very good. Weekend fluke fishing has been very good with about three out of five keepers. There is plenty of activity. The fluke are a decent size.

The **Joseph Fleet** has all switched to fluke fishing. The weakfish have been overshadowed by the fluke, said Capt. Bob, and the action is there.

Neal Kapauff at the **Captree Bait Station** says all the piers are producing fluke, flounder and blackfish. Striped bass have been caught off the beaches.

BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the **Babylon Fishing Station** said that the rain pretty much killed the skiff fishing on the weekend. But there are plenty of fluke around the Coast Guard Station and weakfish east of the Captree Bridge by buoys 6, 5 and 4. Blues are trolled offshore by the Lightship buoy, and a few bass are in the inlet.

Charlie's Fishing Station had the pleasure of weighing-in Doc Grell's 13 lb. 2 oz. weakfish on Wednesday. The fish, taken on 6-lb. test, will be a new IGFA World Record if confirmed. Plenty of fluke up to 3 lbs. with few throwbacks are being taken in the State Channel and Eastwest Creek on squid and sand eels. Lots of small weakfish in the same area.

Mario at the **Hi-Hook Fishing Station** said that Judge Glover of Wyndanch and his buddy Hal had 27 weakfish 4-6½ lbs., one 4-lb. bluefish

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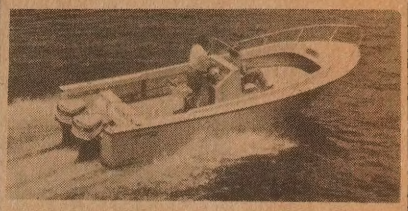

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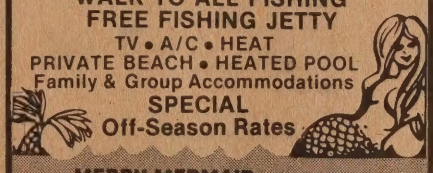

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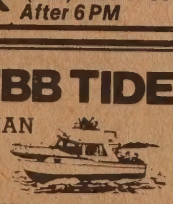

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and 6 nice size kingfish they took by buoy 4 in Dickerson's Channel. Fluke fishing is fair, average 6-7 fish a boat.

LINDENHURST

John Jr. of **Charlie's Bait & Tackle** said that John Solomin of Massapequa caught 34 weakfish 2-8 lbs. and 5 fluke off Heckscher. Vinnie Lange of Deer Park took 16 fluke 2-4 lbs. on sand eels. John Kent of Babylon had 60 flounders on bloodworms off the Captree Pier. Stripers are being trolled off Cedar Beach on bunker spoons. Stripers 10-15 lbs. are being clam chummed in Fox Creek. Blacks taken on the artificial reef by the lighthouse on fiddler crabs.

Duke of **Duke's Tackle Shop** took a busman's holiday and trolled Lupo Bunker Spoons right outside the inlet in 40 feet of water. No bass, but two weakfish 6½ and 7 lbs. and one 2¾ lb. bluefish hit the giant spoons. Duke did weigh in bass of 18½ and 29¾ lbs. that were taken in the same area on Lupo spoons. Weakfish are in the Amity Cut and State Channel in the evening hours. They're picky, however, and seem to prefer small diamond squid jigs over the pink shrimp. Fluke are being caught on squid and sand eels in the State and Snakehill Channels. Throwbacks are baout 50-50 now.

AMITYVILLE

Jona of **Jona's Bait & Tackle** said that Jerry Dunkey and his 5-year-old son Davey caught 16 weakfish up to 7-lbs. Sunday night. They used Viking Shrimp and drifted off Heckscher between buoys 3 and 5. Dave Kampter of the Amity Harbor Fishing Club weighed in a 6 lb. 4 oz. blackfish he caught on fiddler crabs at the Robert Moses Bridge. He also had a 3 lb. 13 oz. fluke. Fluke are good drifting from the inlet to the Fire Island lighthouse. Squid with sandeels and killies are getting fluke 2½-3½ lbs. Some bass were taken on plugs at the nautical mile in the State Channel. Four blues 2½ lbs. were also taken inside the bay.

George Combs Bait & Tackle reports the weakfishing picking up considerably. Shrimp chummers are getting up to 40 fish in the 3-4 lb. class per tide, according to Art Seaman of Seaford. Best spots are in the bay and Unqua Point. A few bass chummers are scoring at Wanser's Cut and Zach's Bay. Lupo Bunker Spoons getting bass 20-40-lbs. off Lido Beach.

SEAFORD

Mike's Rowboat Station had a customer who picked up fluke at Squaw Island. These six fluke were picked up on squid and killies and weighed about three pounds. All of the fish were keepers.

Lon Wanser's Tackle Shop said he sold out of his Lupo bunker spoons in one day. Trollers using these along the beaches have caught striped bass up to 30 pounds. A few bluefish, small ones to six pounds, have also been picked up along the beaches. Fluke have been a slow pick. Weakfish have been spotty.

John Bazmore of the Bronx caught this 14 lb. 15 oz. fluke on squid fished for weakfish by buoy 17 in the Peconics.

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Frank at **Causeway Tackle** weighed in a seven pound bluefish which took a sand eel ment for a fluke at Jones Inlet. Fluke fishing is getting better. Weakfish are still around as well as flounder for the sinker bouncer. Blackfish at the bridges are still good. Frank says to pick your favorite spot and try for striped bass as they are now showing up.

MERRICK

Fred Wilson at **Baldwin Marine Supply** said the boats were having good success at the Coast Guard Station in Jones Inlet. The usual bait of squid and spearing is doing a good job. Some fish have gone to six and eight pounds. Fred had a double header of fluke at Swift Creek on a hi-lo rig.

N.Y. BIGHT Fishing Report

FREEPORT

Roy at **Mako Marina** reports that Bob Emmert hung a 46 lb. 10 oz. bass at the Meadowbrook Parkway Bridge, using drifted sandworm aboard Fred Weber's "Striper" on outgoing tide. A 45 lb. bass was also taken at the Wantagh Bridge (no details available). Tony Froitzheim and Joe Long took 33 weaks to 7½ lbs. east of the Meadowbrook Bridge on squid, on both incoming and outgoing tides.

The **Sea Hunter** reported that on Saturday, May 25, 1974, Carmen Vego hung a 10 lb. 9 oz. fluke at Swift Creek using a spearing/squid combo bait.

This past Saturday, the **Aloma** had a slow but steady pick on fluke. Over the weekend, Capt. "Spider" Schmidt hit all the spots and several fish were taken at each. Sunday's fluking really improved as 33 biggies came over the side at Reis Park, Debs and Jones Inlets.

Anthony's Fishing Station suggests that you try the fluke at Reynolds Channel and Loop Parkway Bridge. Try the Coast Guard Station and Funday Bridge and Creek for flounder.

On Saturday, the **Blue Fin** and **Acme** of the **Freeport Boatmen's Association** worked local waters and found the lately elusive fluke. On Sunday, the Capt. Hall had good catches of flounder to 2 lbs. at Swift and Scow Creeks. Some blues have been taken in the nets.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Star Stream II** is after sea bass these days. Fares are taking 25-40 per man during the week, and on weekends the average is 12-25 per man. These fish are running ¾-3 lbs. A few large blacks are coming over the side also. A few porgies were taken and on Friday a 9 lb. blue was taken on a bottom rig by angler Ernie Welsh of Jamaica.

POINT LOOKOUT

Capt. Art White of the **Angler II** had blacks and sea bass last week. Painting and maintenance work are the order of the day this week, however, this weekend the Angler II will begin bluefishing.

Ed's Fishing Station reports very good fluking in Reynolds Channel and at the inlet. Coast Guard Cove is providing very good flounder fishing. Blackfish can be found at the T-Wreck, Rota Wreck and at the Meadowbrook Bridges. Try bottom fishing worms for bass at the bridges.

ISLAND PARK

Capt Bill of the **Ginnie Mae** had good catches of sea bass on Sunday using mackerel chunks. (Bergalls won't disturb this bait.) The sea bass ran to 3 lbs.

Beckman's Tackle Shop in Lynbrook advises that there are plenty of bass being trolled on spoons from Sandy Hook to the Fire Island Inlet. There are fluke in Reynolds Channel and Duck Point. Lots of flounder are available in the local bays and creeks. Blackfish are in full swing at the jetties and bridges.

LONG BEACH

Tom at **Long Beach Sports Marina** reports there are fluke in Reynolds Channel, Duck Point and at the Junior High School. Some weakfish are being taken on Lupo shrimp. Striped bass are being trolled by many of the charter and private boats on Lupo spoons.

Walter Tkaczuk, star of the N.Y. Rangers hockey team, caught this 44-lb. bass (his FIRST!), on a Lupo Bunker Spoon aboard the "Kim" off Sandy Hook.

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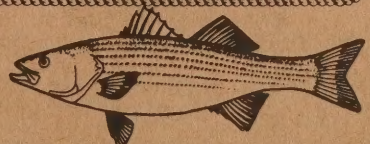

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ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of **Henning's Fishing Station** reports that Lou DiResta, on the Lively Lady, landed a 40 lb. 8 oz. striper off Monmouth, N.J. on a trolled Lupo spoon. Bass from 15-33 lbs. are being trolled on tubes, spoons and umbrella rigs from Jersey to the Fire Island Inlet. The **Four Queens** had eleven bass and twenty blues. Fluking is averaging out at the rate of 4-30 per boat in Reynolds Channel. There is a sprinkling of 7-10 lb. blues mixed in. On Sunday, 45 flounder were taken west of the yacht club.

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** reports that the striper fishing is exceptionally good, the best in 4 or 5 years. This action is taking place from Monmouth, N.J. to Fire Island Inlet. It's a combination of bait fishing (bunker) and trolling that is providing results. Trolling is taking most fish. "It's a spoon year," says Ron,"as the fish are eating bunker." The average weight is approximately 23 lbs., with enough big fish being taken to make it interesting. If the weather holds, June should be a very good month for bass. All the charter boats are doing well on bass. There's a good smattering of blues mixed in with the bass. Blues from 5-12 lbs. have been taken on spoons.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Harold at the **Bay End Dock** says a lot of bass are being taken on tubes and umbrellas, Bingle Lancers and Umbrellas in particular. A few fluke of 5-6 lbs. are being taken at Riis Park. Blues are off Manhattan Beach, Norton's Point and the Tin Can Grounds. Blackfish are being taken at the Round House on clam. Some bass have been chummed, however, no details are available. Saturday and Sunday, although not good weather-wise, provided really hot action on bass and blues.

Capt.Fred Ardolino of the **Amberjack iv** reports local bottom fishing e.g. fluke, black, whiting is fair, but the Dracula weather of the weekend didn't help. Fred says the Nantucket trip of May 25 was tremendously successful. They left Friday night at 5 p.m. and returned Monday at 3 p.m. The Andrea Doria plus one other wreck supplied 10 hours fishing time. With Capt. Jay Porter aboard, the fares really loaded up with huge cod and pollack. (Steaks were fried on the fantail, as was done last year). Fred estimates over 10 tons of fish were pulled this trip. Pass the Sloan's liniment, please. Sea conditions and weather were excellent. Fish averaged 17 lbs. The pool cod went 59 pounds plus.

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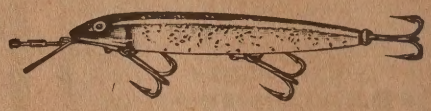
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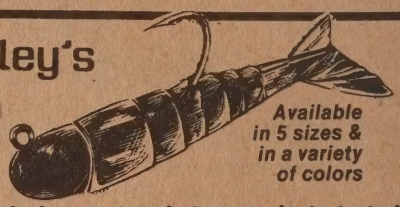
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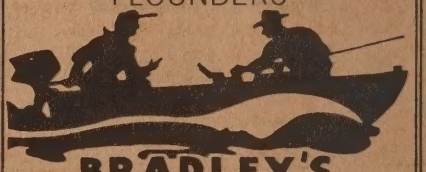

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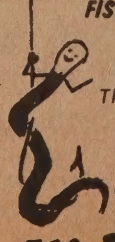

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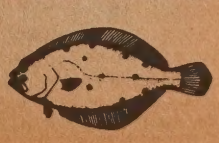
Stanley Zaremba Jr. caught this 5 lb. 10 oz. humpback sea bass on squid at the Middle Grounds in the Peconics.



NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Art White's Bait Shop reports very good bass fishing in the Plum Gut and off Hacton's Point. There are quite a few big fish if you are there at the right time. Blackfish are in the Sound. Porgies and weaks are in the Bay. Brand X, Wilheric and The Empire all last week had fish galore while on the weekend the weather dampened it off a bit.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reports pretty good weakfishing on Sunday at the Windmill, Jessups Neck and buoy 12 & 15. Salty Dogs and squid were best. Also small diamond jigs produced stripers and blues of 3 or 4 pounds at buoy 12.

NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's said there is still weaks and porgies around Robins Island. South of buoys 25 and 30. A few kingfish have been caught about ½ to one pound. Buoy 4 has quite a few sand porgies.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center says it is mostly porgies and a few weakfish. Blues are starting to show.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Queensland Cove Tackle said a few fluke were picked up at Miller Place Rocky Point and outside of the harbor. A little Kastmaster with squid using a slow troll is best. Striped bass, on worms drifted out from the beach, are running to 15 pounds. Blacks, flounder and porgies are all being caught off the beach. Kingfish are showing.

PORT JEFFERSON

Capt. John Fischer of the **"Betty W"** had strong black fishing all week, but action died down a bit due to poor weather at the end of the week. On Saturday, the Lighthouse Fishing Club of Uniondale was out and member Frank Mc Grath took the pool with a 9 lb. black. On Sunday, Sampson Paper Bag Co. of Huntington was out and Angie Delauro took the $40 pool with an 8 lb. black.

Capt. Joe Cash of the **Port Jeff Ace** said they had excellent catches during the week. Poor weekend weather diminished the catches. Kim Keays won the pool on Sunday with a 10½ pound blackfish which was just one of 16. A seven-year-old, Kim Brundage had two four-pound and six-pound blacks. Sea bass, blacks, porgies and a few flounder makes up the catch.

Caraftis Fishing Station reports a lot of fish on the shoals. Blacks, porgies, sea bass and flounder. There are nice mixed bags of fish. Striped bass at Crane's Neck using a small popping plug on floating worms. Trolling off West Meadow with worms is productive.

SMITHTOWN

Tim at **Smithtown Sports** reports big blackfish over six pounds north of Crane's Neck. A few small stripers taken from the Brickyard on black and gray Alou eels.

HUNTINGTON

The **Ever-Ready Fleet** reports there has been quite a slow down compared to last week. They were catching more blacks than any other fish. Porgies are also being caught.

John & Steve from the Kid's Two called to report picking up blacks from one to seven pounds and a large school of porgies to two pounds which they caught south of the entrance to Eaton's Neck C.G. Station. They were in 27 feet of water. Clams and fiddler crabs were used. A school of weaks were in the area of Sand City to Duck Island and were taking squid and white plastic shrimp. The outgoing tide produced fish from two to five pounds. School bass are taking trolled sandworms at early morning and dusk at the entrance to Huntington Harbor just inside the channel.

Pete at **Greenlawn Sports** reports good blackfishing off Hobart Beach. Striped bass being trolled off Duck Island using Cape Cod spinners and sandworms. Bass are mostly schoolies.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's weighed in a 13 pound blackfish last week which was caught off Hobart Beach. Ted says there are plenty of blackfish in close on the Sound. There are blacks in the bay near the Steers jetties and off Little Neck Point. Weakfish were caught by drifting and casting. The bay also has pretty fair bass fishing on worms. Porgies are both in the Sound and in the bay.

GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports Shop** reports good bass activity at Mattinecock Point and the Monastery at Prybil Beach. Ronnie Oldenberg caught a nine pound bass on a Gibbs Battlehead plug off Mattinecock Point. Bass have been trolled successfully all week from Davidson's to Maxwell's and other rocky areas. Casters working from the shore have met with equal success using popping plugs. Bass up to the teens have been picked up. Mattinecock Rod & Gun Club held a bass derby which was won by Walter Sprogue with a 14 pound bass. Good blackfishing in most of the rocky area down to the Creek Club.

PORT WASHINGTON

Moreland's Bait & Tackle reports good bass fishing at all the points by anglers using worms. Some bass are being picked up by the pluggers. Blackfish are still around.

CITY ISLAND

The open boat **North Star** has been picking up porgies and blackfish. The average catch has been about 20. Pool fish was a ten pound black. Fishing was around Center Island.

John's Gun & Tackle in the Bronx says blackfish are all over, City Island, New Rochelle & off Rye. Porgies are at Oyster Bay and so plentiful that John could have filled his boat with them. Striped bass are being trolled and night-time fishing with cut mackerel is starting to improve. Harts Island, Huckleberry Island and Fort Slocum hold school sized bass. Mackerel are spotty.

BAYVILLE

Bob Strecker at **Bayville Hardware** said they are catching striped bass on bait. A 52 pound bass was picked off of Pumps Beach but Bob couldn't say if it was trolled or cast to. Blackfish are throughout the area and run as big as five pounds caught off the beach.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

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Outdoor Sports reports a catch of harbor blues at Savin Rock. The blues were mixed with mackerel and on the beach. Worm trollers are picking up school bass at Morningside and Millford. Mackerel are still thick outside.

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Sportsman's Rendezvous reports bass around Charles Island and Woodmont. Biggest so far, an 18 pounder. Weakfish are mixed in, worms on the bottom—the winning ticket. Mackerel are concentrated outside Charles Island. Blackfish are thick.

STRATFORD

The Tackle Shack tells of a 26 lb. striper taken off Seaside Park. Bass are thick in local waters right now with weaks mixed in. Mackerel are still off shore, strong.

WESTPORT

Westport Tackle told of good weakfishing at Schlaits Point (just east of compo). A couple of 6 pounders have been taken there. Bass are hitting in the Norwalk Islands. Most are schoolies, but one 15 pounder was taken on a Red Fin. Blackfish continue to be just about everywhere. Flounder at Sunken Island. Mackerel still abundant.

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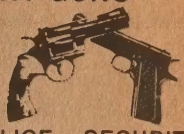

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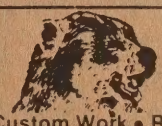

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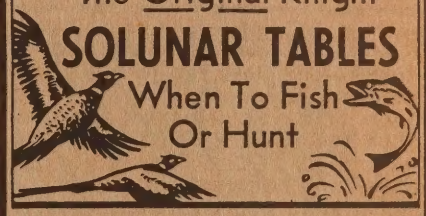

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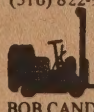

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and bass are good on morning tides. They are schoolies and are hitting on sandworm.

MAMARONECK

Mamaroneck Fishing Station reports excellent blackfishing with fish averaging 5-6 lbs. Bass fishing is picking up, most falling to sandworms.

GREENWICH

Bass on bucktails was the word from **Sportsmen's Den.** Morning fishing seems to pay off. Mackerel are still around from 11 B to Greenwich. Blackfish are hitting well.

STAMFORD

Pat's Marina reports only a few bass and all rats. They're hitting at the Cows & Todd's Point. Mackerel, blacks and flounder are still running good.

Jack's Sporting Goods names Cove Pond as the bass spot. Most are schoolies with grass shrimp and mackerel the best bait. Weaks around Norwalk. Blacks everywhere.

ROWAYTON

The Bait Shop reports schoolies are in with Scott's Cove paying off for trollers. Blacks and flounder are running fair.

NORWALK

Mola Bros. tells of the first lunker of the year, a 35 pounder. Porgy fishing is excellent around 24 A with blacks mixed in. Mackerel still plentiful outside.

The **Tackle Box** had some good weakfish reports from Dog Island. Some school bass are around the islands. Mackerel are abundant. Porgy fishing just great.

BRIDGEPORT

Sportsmen's Den has reports of lots of schoolies. Weaks are slow but mackerel are hitting the beaches at Long Beach in Stratford.

Ted's Bait tells of schoolies of 4-6 lbs. at St. Mary's and weakfish—4-4½ lbs. at Pleasure Beach.

NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

SANDY HOOK

Julian's reports two 50 lb. stripers. Frank Marklin hit a 53 pounder on a live herring while Don Fiordland took a 58 pound striper on a bunker spoon. Action is from the Golf Ball to Seabright. Dead bunker seem to be doing better than the live stuff.

SEABRIGHT

Giglio's reported lots of bass on sandworms, some of the stripers weighed up to 38 pounds. Live herring scored too, and a 42 pounder was among the 100 stripers Giglio's weighed over the weekend. A few fluke and weakfish are reported along the jetties.

LONG BRANCH

Steve's Tackle reported lots of stripers along the beach. Steve had a lot of fluke + stripers over the weekend.

The Long Branch Pier reported fluke fishing started to pick up.

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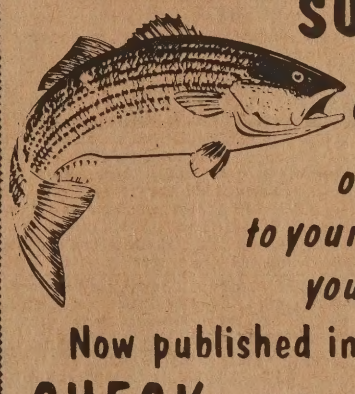

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	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM
6/ 6 THURSDAY	9:29	9:43	11:12	11:17	12:52	1:27	12:36	1:08
6/ 7 FRIDAY	10:11	10:23	11:54	11:59	1:15	1:50	1:18	1:47
6/ 8 SATURDAY	10:54	11:03	-	12:38	1:42	2:14	1:58	2:29
6/ 9 SUNDAY	11:37	11:45	12:41	1:26	2:17	2:48	2:40	3:13
6/ 10 MONDAY	-	12:19	1:25	2:14	2:58	3:29	3:25	3:57
6/ 11 TUESDAY	12:27	1:04	2:14	3:02	3:41	4:13	4:13	4:45
6/ 12 WEDNESDAY	1:13	1:50	3:04	3:52	4:29	5:02	5:03	5:34
6/ 13 THURSDAY	2:03	2:40	3:58	4:41	5:22	5:54	5:55	6:25

on SANDY HOOK

SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
(Inlet.Breakwater & Dem. Pt.)	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Parkway Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
EAST ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	+0 00
Beach Channel (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

on NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Island (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land (Napeague)	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

on WILLETS POINT

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

PHASES OF THE MOON

6/ 20	6/ 26	6/4	6/13
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

on BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and/or minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet —0 50" is listed under "on Sandy Hook". — 0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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